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SUBJECT: CB 54-2010 and TAO 1 FY 2011

The One Maryland Broadband Network (OMBN), with Howard County as a key partner, was granted \$115 million under the Recovery Act's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) to build a high-speed fiber optic network that will directly connect 1006 community anchor institutions and span 4,200 square miles across the State of Maryland. The OMBN project will touch every county in the state and must be completed by August 31, 2013.

Per the terms of the grant application and award, Howard County is a grant sub recipient and will manage over \$72 million dollars (of the \$115 total amount granted) directed to the Inter-County Broadband Network (ICBN) comprised of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Frederick County, Harford County, Montgomery County and Prince George's County. ICBN is a separate and distinct project under the grant and will directly connect hundreds of K-12 public schools, libraries, public safety agencies, community colleges and other government institutions.

For these reasons, the Department of Technology Services seeks to:

1. Create a mid-year Capital project, C0414 One Maryland Broadband Plan, by passage of CB 54-2010. CB 54-2010 proposes to amend the adopted Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2011, and the Capital Budget Detail, Fiscal Year 2011, to add a new capital project, C0414, One Maryland Broadband Plan, and declares the act to be an emergency measure.
2. Transfer \$75,000,000 (TAO 1 FY 2011) in grant funding to capital project C0414, One Maryland Broadband Plan, from capital project C0214, Category Contingency Fund. The \$75,000,000 includes the County match requirement of \$3,000,000.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this project and the information provided. Thank you.